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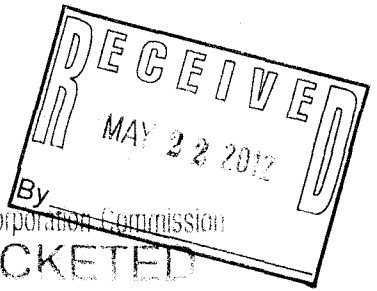
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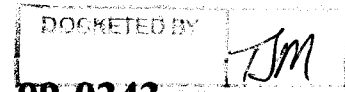
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RE: SW -01303A-09-0343

DEAR COMMISSIONERS:

WE ARE WRITING IN SUPPORT OF DECONSOLIDATION OF THE ANTHEM/AGUA FRIA WASTEWATER DISTRICT OPERATED BY EPCOR WATER USA(FORMERLY ARIZONA AMERICAN WATER COMPANY). AS ANTHEM CUSTOMERS WE STONGLY BELIEVE WE SHOULD PAY FOR THE TREATMENT PLANTS, FACILITIES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SERVE OUR COMMUNITY. ANTHEM RESIDENTS PAY FOR A STATE OF THE ART WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY. THEREFORE, WHY SHOULD WE PAY FOR THE COST OF FACILITIES THAT WE DO NOT USE? ANTHEM'S SYSTEM HAS NO PHYSICAL CONNECTION TO THE AGUA/ FRIA SYSTEM. ANTHEM RESIDENTS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR WHAT IS NOT USED AND USEFUL TO THEM. BASED ON RECENT DATA FROM EPCOR, IT WILL EVENTUALLY COST ANTHEM CUSTOMERS A TOTAL OF APPROX. \$10 MILLION OR MORE IN PAYMENTS FOR SEWER SERVICES THAT WE DO NOT RECEIVE AND RELIEVE THE AGUA/FRIA CUSTOMERS FROM PAYING THAT SAME \$10 MILLION FOR SERVICES THAT THEY DO RECEIVE.

DECONSOLIDATION WILL RESULT IN INCREASED RATES FOR AGUA/FRIA CUSTOMERS. THE ANTHEM COMMUNITY COUNCIL PROPOSED A PHASE-IN OF THE RATES, SIMILAR TO WHAT WE EXPERIENCED IN THE RECENT WATER RATE CASE, AS A MEANS OF SOFTENING THE IMPACT. WE FULLY SUPPORT THIS PHASE-IN AS A MEANS OF LESSENING THE EFFECT OF THE RATE INCREASE.

BOTTOM LINE IS THAT DECONSOLIDATION OF THE ANTHEM/AGUA FRIA WASTEWATER DISTRICT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO UNDER THE CURRENT MODEL FOR PRIVATE WATER/ WASTEWATER SYSTEMS IN ARIZONA . IT RETURNS OUR SERVICE TO WHAT IS "JUST AND REASONABLE." TO NOT DECONSOLIDATE IS TO GO AGAINST THE PRINCIPLES THAT THE COMMISSION HAS ADVOCATED AND WOULD RESULT IN DIFFERENT AND UNFAIR TREATMENT FOR ANTHEM RATE PAYERS.

DECONSOLIDATION IS CONSISTENT WITH THE STAND ALONE COST OF SERVICE SYSTEMS OWNED AND OPERATED BY EPCOR THROUGHOUT THE STATE, AND CREATES AND EVEN PLAYING FIELD. STATEWIDE CONSOLIDATION HAS NOT OCCURRED TO DATE, AND MAY OR MAY NOT OCCUR AT AN UNKNOWN TIME IN THE FUTURE. NOW IS THE TIME TO CORRECT THIS DISPARITY BY APPROVING DECONSOLIDATION OF THE ANTHEM/AGUA FRIA WASTEWATER DISTRICT AS PUT FORTH BY THE EPCOR WATER USA IN THEIR APRIL 1 FILING.

WE HOPE THAT YOU AND YOUR FELLOW COMMISSIONERS RIGHT THIS WRONG AND DECONSOLIDATE THE ANTHEM/ AGUA FRIA WASTEWATER DISTRICT.

RESPECTFULLY,

Laura M. Hargmann
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From: John Welsh [jwelsh@pfgbest.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2012 11:10 AM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: RE: Agua Fria

This is just more mumbo jumbo

Send me the explanation when it is published

The decision is horrible and all of you should resign
JW

From: Antonio Gill [mailto:AGill@azcc.gov] **On Behalf Of** Pierce-Web
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2012 1:08 PM
To: John Welsh
Cc: Bob Stumps; Pierce-Web; Newman-Web
Subject: RE: Agua Fria

Good Morning Mr. Welsh,

Thank you for your interest in the deconsolidation case (W-01303A-09-0343, SW-01313A-09-0343).
The matter will be covered by the exparte rule for 20 days following the filing of the decision to
The Commission's Docket Control. The Commissioners will be unable to discuss the substantive
merits of the case until the exparte rule expires. I will file your communication to the docket and
make it part of the permanent record in the case.

Best Regards,

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From: John Welsh [mailto:jwelsh@pfgbest.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2012 8:52 AM
To: Bob Stumps; Pierce-Web; Newman-Web
Subject: Agua Fria

You all should be ashamed of yourselves for allowing your political agenda to bias your unfair judgments. You are all
part of the problem and oversaw the entire process and then shoved the burden onto people who can't afford to have a
permanent 68 dollar per month charge added to their water bills. It is your fault that the project was approved to begin
with and your fault that you allowed cost overruns. It is now your fault that you have choose to exempt your friends and
supporters in anthem and dump the burden on Corte Bella.

It is very obvious that none of you have any guts to stand up to do what is right. Instead you allow your elections to influence your decisions. You are the reason that government is so contentious because you do not think you only act according to your most vocal supporters

I am sure none of you personally were affected by this increase and that you feel you did the best you could. You are all dead wrong. You showed all of us that you do not care about fairness and that you have no guts or sense of fairness

You have now potentially permanently harmed our community with your pitiful decision. Apparently you think you know more than the administrative judge and now are smugly smiling because you helped all your friends and family in anthem and dumped the burden of your own poor judgment onto residents of Corte Bella

None of you deserve the trust placed in you when you were elected

You are among the most pitiful examples of public servants who are more concerned about your own re-elections and perks and benefits than you are about being fair

You have caused irreparable harm to our community

I have no respect for any of you and will diligently campaign against you in any election in the future. Your self-interest is appalling as is your judgment

I am sure none of you will have the guts to reply but if you do would you please send a detailed explanation of how you think this is fair? I doubt any of you will respond but would welcome a plausible explanation

I dare you to reply with an answer

John Welsh

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